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The past few weeks have again brought racial injustice to the forefront in America and in our communities. The recent incidents in Minnesota, New York and Georgia are tragic and deeply troubling. They lead all of us to consider the systems of inequality that are still prevalent in our nation, state and communities. This past several days, I have had several conversations with my son, Stanley about what privilege looks like in our family and our responsibility to be allies in the work to make America a more equitable place for everyone.

In this time of uncertainty and pain, it is important that we talk honestly with our kids about the idea that injustice for one is injustice for all. I know it has been challenging teaching math, science and literacy the past several weeks. But the lessons we provide our children related to race and racism will last a lot longer than your explanation of equilateral triangles.

#### Summer garden help

Summer is right around the corner and the garden needs your help to stay in tip top shape! Help out with watering, light weeding and head home with produce to enjoy. Sign up to be a garden angel for a week! Questions? Follow up with Katherine: katherine@springwaterschool.com.

To sign up, <u>click this link</u> and choose the week that works best for you.

After you sign up, Katherine will be following up with you regarding care details. With our new irrigation system, a week of garden care looks like light weeding and watering and lots of garden enjoyment!

#### Locking the gate to the school entrance

We are going to begin locking the front gate of school. There have been an increasing number of people using the Springwater grounds after hours. A majority of these folks are doing the right thing, but we are also finding a considerable amount of garbage dumped in our dumpster ect. Springwater families are always welcome at school and on the playground (once the playground is opened again). The lock will be a letter combination and the combination is **L-A-R-K.** Should be easy to remember. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Fly Up for incoming Kindergarten, 3rd and 6th graders

Before the year ends we would like to have our incoming Kinder, 3rd and 6th grade students get a chance to meet their new team of teachers. So join us on Zoom June 8th.

Kindergarten 9:00-9:30 Incoming 3rd 9:30-10:00 Incoming 6th 10:00-10:30

### **Returning Borrowed Chromebooks and text books**

We were happy to be able to loan computers and textbooks to families. But we will need them back. You can drop them off at school on the last day, June 11th. In fact, if you bring them with you during our driving scavenger hunt. We will provide a drop off bin at one of the stops.

#### Saying Goodbye to our teachers who will be moving on next year

Jen, Heidi and Cathleen will each be pursuing different paths next year. Jen is going to home school her son Lee for a year (she will still be teaching art with us). Heidi is going to seek a full time position in administration. And Cathleen is going to retire and spend a little more time with her tutoring business. If you would like to offer them a special goodbye. They will be at our stations for our drive thru year end celebration. Bring some extra confetti to sprinkle on each of these great teachers.

#### The Rainbow Run (aka Jog-a-thon) was a great success!!

Thanks for your participation we have raised almost \$14,000 to support Springwater this year. Hope you all had fun with it. If you haven't submitted your total miles yet, you can using this <u>form</u>.

## 8th grade promotion celebration-June 9th from 7:00-9:00

The Oregon Department of Education has released guidelines related to drive-in, end of the year celebrations. We are planning a nice celebration for our talented class of 8th graders. There will be room for 2 cars per family with each car limited to members of a single household. We will send invitations and more information as we get closer to the date.

#### Survey for incoming High School Freshmen

The Ninth Grade Success team at OCHS is looking closely at ways to support next year's 9th graders as they welcome them to our learning community. To help us devise and implement an effective plan of support, we need to know more about

each student. We have created a <u>survey</u> that we are asking the current 8th graders attending OCHS complete.

## Last day of school celebration-June 11th

We are working out a plan for a celebration on wheels as we wrap up this weird and wonderful school year. It is tentatively planned for June 11th from 4:00-6:00. We are working out the details for a family-drive scavenger hunt. Be thinking about creative, Springwater themed decorations for your sweet ride and set the date aside.

## Ordering school supplies for next year

Hey parents! We know you have a lot on your plate right now. Make things a little easier to get prepared for next year. Avoid the stores and get all of your school supply shopping done online today. EPI school supply packs contain all the items and brands our teachers require. Your supplies will be shipped to our school and waiting for your child when school starts.

Order now with our school ID of SPR378

For questions, email Sophie at soph4106@hotmail.com

#### School Mural--We've gotten a lot more, it's not too late, but it is close to too late!!



Hopefully everyone got mural paper at home last week. We need a tile back from every student in order to complete our community building mural. <u>Directions for project</u>

Please mail it back to us or drop it in front of the school.

## Our volunteer grounds crew rocks!!!

Liberty Pike, Sarah Anderson and Karyn Chesney have spent some quality time in our ginormous yard getting it back into shape. Thank you so much, it looks amazing. Liberty is looking to fill in some spots in the beds with perennials. If you would like to donate some plants let me know-drought tolerant preferred.



You can see the sign again.

#### Yearbook

It's the biggest story of the year, and you're in it! Submit your Springwater and distance learning photos here: https://uploads.picaboo.com/8583284.

Pricing: Hardcovers \$27.00, Softcover \$18.00. Pre-order now and take advantage of personalizing 3 custom pages - no additional charge!

Order on-line at: <a href="https://springwaterschool.picaboo.com">https://springwaterschool.picaboo.com</a>. Password: triad. Orders will be shipped directly to your home this year, as such, the deadline is extended through June.

For additional information, contact the Yearbook Committee at yearbook@springwaterschool.com.

# <u>Spirit Wear</u>

Need to boost your spirits a bit this Spring? Want to update your wardrobe? We have some great spirit wear available <u>online</u>. You can customize the color of items and prints.

#### Access to breakfast and lunch

Oregon City School District is providing breakfast and lunch at various locations for students. <u>Springwater students are welcome</u>.

## **Upcoming Events**

June Morning meeting 9:00am

Lunch with Tony 11:30 4th grade

12:00 5th grade

Lunch with Greg 12:00 3rd grade

June 9th--8th Grade Promotion and Celebration--Drive in at Springwater 7:00-9:00pm

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